

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Initially the undersigned would like to thank Examiner Johnson for the courtesies extended during an oral hearing held with the undersigned on May 10, 2005. During the above noted oral hearing, the outstanding official action was discussed in detail and the undersigned was greatly aided in formulating a response thereto.

Independent claim 8 has been amended so as to set forth that each panel comprises a transparent portion wherein at least the transparent portion is provided with a plurality of apertures to attenuate blast pressure in the subspace wherein the blast occurs while air pressure rise in the remaining subspaces is within a limit avoiding injury of persons located therein and provide protection against flying objects in the subspaces not directly open to the source of the explosive blast. As discussed at the above noted oral hearing, the prior art references fail to teach the panels as now claimed in independent claim 8. In addition to the foregoing, Applicant has amended method claim 13 so as to set forth the structure of the panels as noted above with regard to independent claim 8. Finally, Applicant has added new dependent claim 14 which depends from independent claim 8 and sets forth that the panel

further comprises a reinforced portion. Claim 14 further defines over the prior art of record.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims as presently pending patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

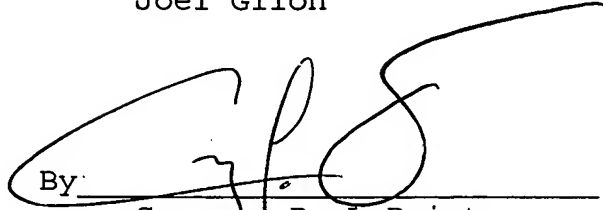
An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it  
is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit  
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